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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SY, ET

SUBJECT: CISCO II

REF: DAMASCUS 4479

1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS IN TRACKING DOWN ABU  
SAADAH.

2. FACT THAT SAADAH MAY WORK FOR SYRIAN INTELLIGENCE WOULD  
NOT SEEM TO PRESENT A PROBLEM IN SEEKING HIS HELP ON CISCO  
II SINCE THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO CONCEAL OUR CONTACTS  
WITH HIM FROM GOS. SYRIANS MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE PUT OFF BY  
OUR APPROACHING ABU SAADAH AFTER WE HAD MADE OFFICIAL  
APPEAL TO GOS FOR ASSISTANCE IN CASE. EMBASSY CAN BEST  
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APPRAISE THIS RISK, BUT THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE GOOD POSSI-

BILITY THAT, GIVEN ABU SAADAH'S PRIOR MEETING WITH CISCO II, GOS WOULD UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT OUR APPROACH TO HIM. QUESTION WHETHER BY HELPING US SAADAH MIGHT UNDERMINE HIS STANDING WITH THE ERITREANS IS ONE FOR HIM TO DECIDE.

3. IN ANY EVENT, AMBASSADOR MURPHY TELLS US THAT JUST PRIOR AMBASSADOR'S RETURN WASHINGTON, HE ASKED FONMIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, SHOUI WHAT ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON HIS EARLIER DEMARCHE REGARDING CISCO II TO DEPUTY FONMIN

RAFAI. SHOUI SAID HE WOULD INQUIRE AND ADVISE. HE NOTED THAT HE COULD ONLY ASSUME MATTER HAD BEEN TAKEN BY RAFAI TO PRESIDENCY. AMBASSADOR REQUESTS THAT CHARGE DISCUSS QUESTION AGAIN WITH SHOUI PRELIMINARY TO OUR MAKING ANY FINAL DECISION ON APPROACHING ABU SAADAH ON CISCO II. KISSINGER

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